

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Dan O'Connor, who is retiring on December 16, 2013, after 25 years of service with the Heartland Consumers Power District Board; and,

Whereas, On January 10, 1989, Dan began his service to Heartland Consumers Power District as a board member. In February 1997 to June 2013, he served as president of the board; and,

Whereas, While Dan has farmed on the family farm since 1969, he has served on the Vermillion Chamber Board for 6 years, Clay-Union Rural Electric Board for 23 years with 12 years as board president, and Mid-West Electric Consumers Association board for 10 years; and,

Whereas, Dan's accomplishments during his tenure include the Wessington Springs Wind Energy Center and Whelan Energy Center Unit 2 coming online, building a new LEED Platinum headquarters, and establishing an economic development program to help customers grow; and,

Whereas, Dan has a passion for politics and has built great working relationships with our congressional delegation and state officials; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2013, as

DAN O'CONNOR DAY

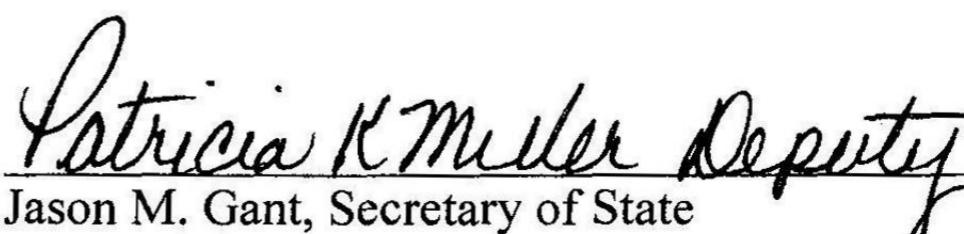
in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



Dennis Daugaard
Governor

Attest:


Patricia K. Miller, Deputy
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State